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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

## Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office communication mailed on June 12, 2007 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants submit herewith an appropriate extension of time for responding. Amendments to the specification begin at page 2, and amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this Amendment and Response. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.